

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present:	Doris Beeman Bud Weer Keith Warner Lois Newman Joyce Robertson Scott Tobias
Absent:	none

The council packet included minutes from the 9/15/14 meeting, check list (7932-7990), village administrator report, R23-14 and R24-14. A second packet was provided with 3rd Q income tax and financial reports.

Nonmembers present include Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Chief Harmon and Carmen Siefring-Fiscal Officer, and the newspaper(2).

Agenda:

A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Weer to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 09/15/14 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

Beeman inquired into the repair expense for the new trash truck. Mike said total is around \$6,000. A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Beeman to approve the bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors –Approximately 20 residents affected by the upcoming 2 million dollar Spring Street reconstruction project were present. The majority of the discussion was regarding Councils' decision to charge property owners for sidewalks. Other Spring Street topics included: storm sewer size, the 5% + 1% property tax assessment fee, the inspector hired by the Village, the notification timeline, residents' ability to pay, and the age/condition of specific residents' current sidewalks. The mayor and village administrator addressed the concerns. Mayor McCord stated that rising village expenses in all areas was the main reason for assessing a portion of the cost and charging for sidewalks on future projects is likely to continue. Mike stated that existing sidewalks cannot be salvaged on this project due to street elevation and width adjustments and curb replacement.

Specific property questions will continue to be addressed as the project proceeds.

Mayors Report

- The mayor informed council that Trick or Treat will be Thursday, October 30th from 6-8 p.m.
- The Optimist will be hosting a costume contest on Tuesday, October 28th @ 7:00 pm. at the Government Center parking lot.
- Mike and Ed recently met with the new Miami County health commissioner and discussed the house teardown on Pearl St.
- At the request of the mayor, a motion was made by Robertson and seconded by Beeman to approve the donation of \$250 to the CCC for the Candlelight Christmas. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Representatives from the fire department and rescue squad will be at the next meeting for 3rd Q safety services reports.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Spring Street

Letters were sent out to property owners informing them of their estimated assessment. We have not yet obtained a project schedule from the contractor but we expect to have one soon.

Road Salt

Mr. Busse is continuing to work on obtaining road salt. I have included in council's packet a proposed salt conservation policy for the 2014-2015 winter season.

110 N. Pearl Street

Mr. Busse with Nikki Reese in reference to the property at 110 N. Pearl Street. Mrs. Reese has agreed to put this demolition out for bids. Covington may be required to fund up to 50% of this demolition, but we are still working on obtaining additional funding to help offset the Village contribution to the project.

309 Sharon Street

Planning and Zoning has made a recommendation for a minor subdivision replat for 309 Sharon Street. This includes inlots 747,748,749,750,751,752,753 and 754.

Council will also need to set a public hearing for November 3rd, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. to obtain public comments and consider the rezoning of 309 Sharon Street from NB - Neighborhood Business to R-1 Residential.

HB5 / SB 282 Updates.

Mr. Busse included information in council's packets for your review regarding each of these items. If either of these proposed bills move forward without modifications it could have drastic effects on the village income.

School Annexation

The annexation of the school property has been approved by the commissioners. We have signed the exhibit and it has been filed with the county. Once the 60 day waiting period is complete we will have to pass an ordinance accepting the annexation.

Web Site Enhancement

Village of Covington newsletters are now available for viewing on our website.

Legislation

- At the recommendation of Planning and Zoning, a motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman to approve a minor subdivision replat of inlots 747,748,749,750,751,752,753 and 754. All ayes. Motion carried. This was done at the request of the owner so that the structure/s are on one lot instead of 8.

- A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias to set a public hearing for November 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to obtain public comments and consider the rezoning of 309 Sharon Street from NB to R-1 Residential. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Beeman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion to approve **Resolution R23-14** was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias *Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply For, Accept and Enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan fund Agreement on Behalf of the Village of Covington Ohio for Planning, Design and/or Construction of Wastewater Facilities; and Designing a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan.* (The Village has already approved this agreement, however, specific verbiage was required). All ayes. Motion carried.
- Council held the 1st reading of R24-14 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter Into a 4-Year Contract with the Covington Special Fire Department for Fire Protection and Firefighting Services with an annual contract amount of \$130,000.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias to approve **Resolution R25-14 to Replace and Assess the Cost of the Sidewalks for the Spring Street Project** with a assessment period of five-years and one-time assessment fee of 6% (individual estimated assessments are provided in attachment A). BW, JR, DB, ST, KW – yes. LN – no. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Tobias to approve the 2014-2015 salt conservation policy as follows:
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2104 -2015 Road Salt Use Policy

Due to the limited availability of road-salt for the 2014 – 2015 winter season the Village of Covington must aggressively conserve salt so that the severely limited salt supply available to the Village will last throughout the winter season. Due to this fact, Village workers will be required to severely limit the use of salt for the treatment of roadway surfaces.

When a snow event occurs the following priority list will be utilized to treat roadways.

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| Priority #1 | The 36 bridge, Pearl Street Hill, Wall Street Hill and Bridge Street Bridge and Hill, areas |
| | that directly support emergency services operations. |
| Priority #2 | Broadway Street, High Street, and Troy Pike. |
| Priority #3 | Walnut Street. |
| Priority #4 | The areas around the schools including Chestnut Street from Wenrick to Debra Street, |
| | Debra Street, Maple from Wall Street to Grant Street, Grant Street from Walnut Street |
| | to Maple Street, Major intersections of residential streets. |
| Priority #5 | Side streets will not be treated unless the Village Administrator determines that adequate resources are available to address priority areas 1 through 4 and that this treatment is absolutely necessary for the safety of the citizens of the Village of Covington. |

Police

Auxiliary officers TJ Mullins and Timothy Cline were present. At the recommendation of Chief Harmon, a motion was made by Newman and seconded by Warner to approve the employment of Mullins and Cline as part-time officers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trash

At the request of Beeman, Council revisited the topic of totter and large trash placement. Mike answered questions regarding the alley trash pick-up changes. The Village is eliminating alley pick-up in several alley locations due to maneuverability challenges, overhead wires, etc. Large trash can continue to be picked up in an alley. However, residents may have to notify the Village so that we are aware since it deviates from the regular route.

Executive Session

At the request of the mayor, a motion was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman to enter executive to discuss a contract. BW, JR, LN, DB, KW – yes. ST-no. Motion carried. 8:55

Adjourn

A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Newman to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. 9:10

Fiscal Officer

Mayor